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Subject: RE: GenX paper online
Attachments: FOIA EPA-2020-005288 final response letter.pdf; Annex 7 - RTC52400.pdf; Annex 8 - RTC52410.pdf; Annex 9 - RTC52420.pdf

All,

A. When we wrote our *Science* paper on this Steve Gold and Wendy Wagner wrote a commentary on the paper. They had a FOIA request to EPA on this very chemical suite. The EPA response was "We have conducted a search on perfluoro triether carboxylic acid and CAS No. 329238-24-6 and have no records responsive to this request." - see FOIA attached.

Lucky for us they also asked ECHA as this is a Belgian company. They got these 3 redacted tox reports that were responsive:

1. Annex 7 Bacterial mutation assay of S. typhimurium and E. coli
2. Annex 8 Mutation in L5178Y TK+/- Mouse Lymphoma Cells (Fluctuation Method)
3. Annex 9 Chromosome Aberrations in Chinese Hamster Ovary cells In Vitro.

B. Gloria Post from NJDEP told us that the toxicology info that they received from the Solvay Company here in the US was CBI. However at some point I got this assessment when this was not clear early on from NJ DEP if it could be shared. There was also a draft deliberative document I did not attach.

5-10-2019 email from Gloria Post
Information on toxicity of Solvay replacement compounds CONFIDENTIAL
Mark, Andy, John, and Chris,

Solvay recently submitted information to NJDEP about the replacement PFAS they are using at their NJ facility. Although some of it is marked as Confidential Business Information, Erica told me that it can be shared with you since it is relevant to your study of non-target PFAS in NJ.

Ex. 4 CBI

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There may be some value in having a phonecall with Gloria Post and seeing what she knows about the tox measurements that have already been done. She has mentioned some studies that we don't have access to.

Ralph Mead also suggested that they found them in the Cape Fear, even though we didn't see them in our Chemours work. So definitely going to be a new hot topic.

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I'm adding Earl in as well to think about this.

A short rodent study with serum and liver collection to look at levels of the various components of the mix is certainly interesting and something we could do. Are all of the components of the mixture known? How many compounds are there total? It might be a little challenging to work out the dosing and get IACUC approval, but seems like an important thing to study so should be possible.

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Justin,

We haven't done any quantitation yet, just estimates. I analyzed some NTA drinking water samples from half a dozen wells in the affect area and got predicted concentrations in the range of 3-300 ng/L for the most abundant congener of the mix.

EPIsuite predictions for bioconcentration/bioaccumulation are on par with PFNA. I think John's post-doc has done some vegetation uptake measurements and found that it moves from soil into plants more on par with short-chain PFPeA.

No ideas what that means for actual serum/liver accumulation in animals though.

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Justin,

I am adding James, Kelsey and Jackie to this string.

We know it is in surface water in NJ but don't know about drinking water. We suspect it has likely gotten into some DW based on what ae know. There is no biomonitoring data but we anticipate blood levels that are measurable if we could get serum based on it MW and other PFAS like it.

The only source I have right now is an industrial mix standard produced from the vendor (Solvay Specialty Polymers) from a contact in Italy, as the American Solvay people would not give it to the NJDEP without CBI strings attached.

I was thinking of a dosed rodent liver/serum accumulation study to see what we should look for in the serum in human biomonitoring studies. Thoughts?

Mark

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Definitely. Any known human concentrations or drinking water levels for those to prioritize? How expensive are they? We usually need 10-20 grams or more to do a few different animal studies.

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Excellent news and congrats.

What is next? We have some of the new Cl-PFECAs we detected in NJ in our Science paper and James water paper. Want to do some new compounds?

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Good morning co-authors,

I hope everyone is doing well.

Our GenX developmental tox paper is now online at Environment International.

Here's the link: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0160412020321590

A pdf copy of the paper is attached as well.

Thanks for all of your work on this effort!

Cheers,

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